MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. It is working well.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the member kindly give one or two instances in which electro-plating has been executed successfully?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director of Industries has to be asked about it.

Appointment of Guards in the Forest Department.

34. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Conservator of Forests has issued any circular to the Assistant Conservators that the Secondary School Leaving Certificate holders should not be entertained as Guards in the Forest Department; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Conservator states that it is his experience that men without that qualification remained at their posts and did their work better.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): ഫോറസ്റ്റ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ഗാർഡുവേലക്കു സെക്കൻററി സ്കൂൾലീവിംഗ് സർട്ടിഫിക്കെറ്റു ഹോൾഡേഴ്സിനെ ഇതിനു മുമ്പു നിയമിച്ചു വന്നിരുന്നോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that for certain.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): ഇപ്പോൾ സെക്കൻററി സ്കൂൾലീവിംഗ് പാസ്സായവർ ഗാർഡുജോലിയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer implies that there has been at least a few who hold the Secondary School Leaving Certificates.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): പരീക്ഷാ വിജയമാണൊ അവരെ അതിനു അപ്രാപ്തന്മാരാക്കിതീർക്കുന്നത് എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം. മുന്നപ്രാവശ്യം പരീക്ഷ തോറ്റുപോയാൽ അയാളെ ഗാർഡുവേലക്കു നിയമിക്കുന്നതിൽ വിരോധമുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is not the real objection. The tendency for those who have passed the examination appears to have been not to remain at the place of duty trying to do their work quietly.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): പരീക്ഷജയിച്ചവർ പരീക്ഷയിൽ ജയിക്കാത്തവരെപ്പോലെ ജോലിചെയ്യുകയില്ലെന്നാണൊ ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : As a general rule it cannot certainly apply. That is the experience of the Department with reference to the guards alone. That is what the Conservator says.

Muslims and Public Service.

35. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing —

(*a*) the number of new appointments made in each of the Judicial and Education Departments, during the last three years (1100-1102);

(*b*) the number of Muslims appointed in each of the two Departments within that period;

(*c*) the number of persons who got the appointments referred to in part (*a*) and who continue in service to-day (18-7-1928) ; and

(*d*) the number of Muslims among them ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) to (*d*) The Government do not propose to collect the statistics as the time and labour involved in its collection would be out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Appendix.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 42.**

List of roads constructed in the Agastisvaram taluk during 1098-1102.

1. Restoration of the old road between Kottar-Parvatiakaram road and Nagercoil-Santapuram road.
2. Opening a new road from 4/7 Parakkai-Manakkudi road to Tenganputur village.
3. Opening a branch road from Manakkudi to Sri Sankara Allom at Tamarakulam.
4. Opening a road from the 3rd mile of the Parakkai road to Pulluvilai.
5. Extending the road from Pulluvilai to Manikettupottal *via* Mukilanvilai.
6. Opening a 6 ft. path from Kakkad to the newly constructed well at Kakkad.
7. Road to Marukal Parasseri.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND I—LAND REVENUE.

MR. S. C H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 8,98,144 under Demand I—Land Revenue.

Motions 1 to 5.

The following motions were not made :—

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

1. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,534 for establishment by Rs. 776.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

2. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 19,767 for Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner by Re. 1.

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